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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN . . .

I wish to take this occasion to welcome every new student and to greet every returning student. May the academic year bring to each of you a harvest of wisdom and experience.

The incoming class is as rich in talents and gifts as its predecessors. That I may assist in some small way in the development of these talents is my deepest desire and ambition.

Robert F. Drinan, S.J.

A Radio First

WEEI AND BC LAW TO PRESENT SERIES

The Boston College Law School, in cooperation with Station WEEI, has initiated a series of programs for the fall entitled, "Law and Society". The series will open on Sunday, September 29 at 11:15 P. M. and will run on each successive Sunday.

The order in which the first half of the series will be given is as follows:

September 29 — Wendell F. Grimes, Professor of Law, Boston College Law School, "Problems in Federal Taxation"

October 6 — Robert F. Drinan, S.J., Dean of the Boston College Law School, "The Crisis in Family Law"

October 13 — James Kelleher, Lecturer in Law at Boston College Law School, associated with the firm of Dever & Proctor, "Zoning and other Problems in Municipal Government"

October 20 — Raymond F. Barrett, President of the Massachusetts Bar Association, "The Relationship of the Bar to the Public"

October 27 — Richard G. Huber, Associate Professor of Law, Boston College Law School, Editor-in-Chief, ANNUAL SURVEY OF MASSACHUSETTS LAW, "An-

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WELCOME!

Ten New "Profs" to Teach at Law School

THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN ANNOUNCES
THE FOLLOWING AS ADDITIONS TO THE
FACULTY. A HEARTY WELCOME IS EX-
TENDED.

Professor J. Edward Collins, LL.B. Boston College; LL.M. Cornell University; Lecturer of Business Law at Honolulu University; Acting Dean of Catholic University Law School and President of the Hawaii Bar Association. Prof. Collins will teach Criminal Law and Commercial Law.

Rev. Dexter L. Hanley, S.J. received his LL.B. from Georgetown University. He also holds an LL.M., which he received from Harvard last year. Fr. Hanley is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and was Editor in Chief of the Georgetown Law Journal. He will teach Jurisprudence.

Professor Kenneth B. Hughes, LL.B. University of California; LL.M., Harvard University. Prof. Hughes comes to B.C. from B.U. Prof. Hughes will teach Evidence, Damages and Trial Practice.

Professor Richard G. Huber, who taught at Tulane School of Law, will be the new Editor of the Annual Survey of Massachusetts Law. Prof. Huber received his LL.B. at the University of Iowa Law School and his LL.M. at Harvard. He will teach Property to the Evening Division Students.

James Moran, Instructor in Law, is a graduate of Boston College Law

School. He received his LL.M. at N.Y.U. Mr. Moran is a Certified Public Accountant. He will teach Advanced Taxation.

Prof. Warren A. Seavey, Author and expert on Torts, Agency and Restitution. Prof. Seavey is a Bussey Professor of Law, Emeritus, at Harvard Law School. He will teach Torts and Restitution.

Also named to assist the faculty, the following will conduct Legal Research class in the Evening Division for freshmen.

Charles Barrett, Boston College Law School, '55; United States Assistant District Attorney.

Walter Hurley, Boston College Law School, '54. Mr. Hurley is Clerk to Judge McCarthy in the Federal District Court.

Richard Miller. He received his LL.B. at Boston University and taught Legal Research on a fellowship at B.U. Editor in Chief, B.U. Law Review.

Robert Sherer, B.C. Law '56. Chairman of Board of Student Editors of the Annual Survey of Massachusetts Law. Mr. Sherer was Clerk to Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Justice Coughlin.

S.B.A. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

The officers of the Student Bar Association would like to take this opportunity to welcome the latest class to enter Boston College Law School, and to say hello again to those upperclassmen returning to these beloved halls on the banks overlooking the reservoir.

To the class of 1960 day and 1961 evening, we wish the greatest success and accomplishment in their new endeavor. Boston College Law School is a wonderful place to live and to learn, and the tradition of being one happy and productive family, while here in Boston, is a long standing one. We are sure that this new class will maintain this tradition and the reputation

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THE RED MASS

The traditional ceremony popularly called the "Red Mass" is the Solemn Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit celebrated at the beginning of the judicial year, and attended by members of bench and bar of all religious faiths, for the purpose of invoking the blessing and guidance of Almighty God in the administration of justice. The tradition goes back many centuries and from time immemorial has opened the judicial year of the Sacred Roman Rota. Introduced into New England in 1941,

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... A COMMENT ...

A few words must be said.

This special edition of our newspaper, *Sui Juris* marks the beginning of a new school year and the first anniversary of this journal.

As we embark on our journalistic second year, there is a definite parallel between the paper and the second year students. Both are at the crossroads!

We, the entire staff of *Sui Juris* will strive to make this newspaper a true voice of the Boston College Law School student body. We hope that when the 1958-1959 school year opens next fall, the presses will roll for another publishing year for *Sui Juris*.

LAW SCHOOL POLICY

The officials of the Boston College Law School are currently engaged in an intensive screening-process designed to eliminate those applicants who in all probability will not do well on their law school tests or on the Bar examination of their state. This screening-process — an agonizing ordeal for all law school administrations — seeks to select applicants on the basis of a delicate balancing of their college records, their score on the Law School Admission Test (an objective test with a good predictive value) and a careful letter of appraisal from a professor or pre-legal director. Tables and charts indicative of probable success in the Boston College Law School are being worked out so that, if at all possible, failures can be virtually eliminated.

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nual Report on Massachusetts Law" November 3 — George F. McGrath, Executive Secretary of the Boston Board of Bar Examiners and past president of the United Prison Association, "Problems in Penal Reform in Massachusetts"

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From the Office of the Dean

INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

The welcome of the Dean and Faculty is extended to all new and returning students.

The following items of information are called to the attention of everyone at this time:

1. Regular attendance is expected of every student; a request to discontinue legal studies may be made by the administration if attendance is not consistent with the standards of the School.
2. The two seminar rooms are always open for repeat work. The classrooms may be opened if there is a serious need, upon request at the office.
3. Telephone calls cannot ordinarily be received by the office or by the library. If there is an urgent need of reaching students all are asked to have a number left which the student may call at his convenience.
4. The Maney Browsing Room is not for study. It is there to permit relaxation and reading of the volumes in the Maney and Baldwin collections. All are asked to observe this regulation.
5. No eating or drinking is allowed in the Student Lounge. No smoking is allowed in the classrooms.
6. Students are earnestly requested not to congregate in large numbers outside the library; the noise of conversation has a serious inconvenience to the students studying in the library every time the door has been opened.
7. Hours for the office after October 1 will be 12:30 P. M. to 2:00 P. M. Students are asked not to enter the office at other times unless there is an urgent need. The Dean and Registrar are available at all times.
8. Veterans forms will be left on the table in the foyer before the beginning of each month. Mrs. Murphy is the co-ordinator of all veteran affairs; she may be consulted during regular office hours.
9. Office hours for the Evening School will be posted in the future. For the next few evenings the office will be open prior to the first class.
10. At no time is there any parking in the driveway. All are urged to observe this very carefully—especially in the evening. Serious emergencies have arisen because of the parked cars in the driveway.
11. Faculty members may be seen in their offices at any reasonable times. The part-time professors may be seen prior to or after their classes in Room 324.
12. The cafeteria will be open from 8:00 A. M. for breakfast, and will remain open until 6:30 P. M. Monday through Friday. For \$240 a semester one may board at the University, taking all his meals during the week at the Law School and meals on the week-end at Lyons Hall.
13. A bulletin is ordinarily posted on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Items to be posted concerning student activities may be given to the Dean's secretary.
14. All are reminded that it is understood by the administration of the Law School that outside work is incompatible with study in the Day School. For those who have financial need a brochure on the loans available at the Higher Education Loan Plan is available at the office.

The Saint Thomas More Society

The Saint Thomas More Society is a voluntary organization devoted to the spiritual welfare and the religious activities of the Student Body. The Society is open to students of all religious faiths and has no dues. The Student Counselor of the Law School, Father John J. Tobin, S.J., is the Faculty Advisor to the Society.

The Society conducts an annual re-

treat, communion breakfasts and numerous informal talks by lay and religious leaders. The Rosary is recited daily, during the noon hour, by those desiring to participate. Since the Society is by no means unique to Boston College Law School, but is also an active organization at other law schools, it is the hope of this year's officers that various functions can be arranged in conjunction with these other Societies, thus affording an interchange of ideas and an opportunity to renew old acquaintanceships.

JOHN H. TREANOR, President

PRESIDENT "BOOB" LAPRADE REPORTS ON A.L.S.A. CONVENTION IN NEW YORK

On July 12th, The Boston College Delegation arrived in New York for the American Law Student Convention. Armed with a considerable sum of money, (\$750.00) and a candidate, John Treanor, it was their goal to capture the national office of the presidency. Little did they suspect that the expedition was doomed to bitter failure.

They were not in New York two hours before being apprised of the situation. The 1st and 2nd circuits would not run a candidate for the office of president, but would support the candidate from the 3rd circuit, who was Frank Larkin of Georgetown. In return the 3rd circuit would support the candidate from the 2nd and 1st circuits for executive vice-president. This running of one candidate would thereby increase that candidate's chances of winning and not create the impression that the 1st and 2nd circuits were over-ambitious in running two candidates. The Boston College candidate was quietly shunted to the background, and after many apologies, quietly dropped at a party caucus, where it was decided to run only one candidate. New York University bolted from the caucus and ran a candidate for treasurer. The candidate made a strong showing, but in a runoff between the two highest vote getters, the machine came to the fore and this upstart was stricken down.

Now that the convention belongs to posterity, one thing remains in my mind, a national office of president or executive vice-president, although not impossible to attain, is improbable to a 1st circuit school which can only command a block of 3 votes. The 2nd circuit composed of 10 schools is the power. To be nominated, one must have the backing of this circuit in full. Unless Boston College can come up with an outstanding candidate such as a young Abe Lincoln, their chances are almost nil.

Did anyone know that in 1953-54 Boston College had in the person of one Edward Regan a 2nd Vice-President? It was my belief that no Boston College student had ever held a national office.

All in all, it is my belief, that Boston College should not seek a national office for the benefits fall far short of the cost, and said money could well be spent here in making a stronger Student Bar.

Aside from the political aspect, the convention was very informative. Walter Curcio, John Treanor, and I found the student newspaper workshop very interesting and helpful. It also allowed me the opportunity to meet various delegates from schools who sponsor a trial moot court pro-

gram. Professor Hughes, who will give a course in trial procedure during the 2nd term has evidenced interest in blending this trial moot court program with his course, if we can furnish him with the necessary data.

Even if the delegation did not fare well politically, it did fare well otherwise. Also, we returned with \$380.00 of the \$750.00, and this sum rests in the Shawmut Bank.

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of Boston College Law School. We also trust that you will enjoy your year here, and feel sure that the upperclassmen will go out of their way in helping you. You, as newcomers, can always feel at ease to call upon an upperclassman for help and guidance, and you will readily learn that our faculty make wonderful fathers when a student seeks them in a moment of need. Take advantage of these opportunities, and you will soon share our love and appreciation for this law school and the Boston College Family.

For the third year class, let us welcome them back as students for the last time, and wish Godspeed for fruitful and successful careers at the bar. For the present, however, a joyful greeting and hopes for a very enjoyable school year.

To the second year class, congratulations are extended for a job well done and condolences are yours—for yours is not a happy lot.

Last but not least, we would like to welcome back the Professors for another successful year at Boston College Law School.

THE RED MASS—

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this ancient and beautiful ceremony is continued annually under the auspices of the Boston College Law School and under the sponsorship of His Excellency, Richard J. Cushing, Archbishop of Boston.

This year the Seventeenth Annual Red Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, October 5, at Saint Ignatius Church. Msgr. Lally, Editor-in-Chief of the "Pilot", will give the address.

Sui Juris Hears That:

The office of the Dean announces the following members of the incoming class of Freshmen Day who have received full scholarships:

Richard W. Coleman, Boston College.
Albert W. Fraier, Holy Cross.
Henry Kelleher, Brown University.
David S. Nelson, Boston College.
John C. Young, LeMoyne College.
John F. Holden, DePaul University.
Robert A. Romero, Jr., Harvard University.

Marshall Kaplan, U. of Mass.
Charles C. Winchester, Jr., Dartmouth.
E. Paul Kelly, Boston College.

Two academic awards of a half-tuition scholarship have been given to Thomas Conneally, Jr. and Quinlan Shea.

Although the Mass. Bar results of the July, 1957 examination have not been announced at this printing, *Sui Juris* hears that 5 out of 5 have passed the New Hampshire Bar. 7 out of 8 have passed the Connecticut Bar. Batting average of the class of '57 in bar results to date is 92.3%.

Southwell Hall: Capacity 30 . . . 26 students registered.

The following dates are noted:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, First meeting of the Law Wives Club under the direction of Mrs. Edward Richmond.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, Boston College Lawyers Day.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, Pre-legal directors meeting. Mr. John Winterbottom of the Educational Testing Service will talk at the dinner. Mr. Louis Toefer, the Director of Admission of Harvard Law School will be a discussant, along with two others to be designated.

LAW SCHOOL FORUM FACTS

The Law Forum will start its series of outside speakers in the middle of October.

Law, politics and other items of current interest will be covered by both individual speakers and by panel groups.

Last year's schedule included afternoon as well as evening programs.

Persons interested in participating in the Law Forum should watch the bulletin board for announcement of first meeting of the staff.

Wanted: You

The Editors and Staff of *Sui Juris* need your help. This is your newspaper, and we invite you to participate in helping us publish the coming editions for the 1957-1958 year.

Contact Editorial Staff, S.B.A. office.

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CORCORAN'S CORNER

The editorial staff of this newspaper has decided that it might be helpful to those entering the first year of our law school if we gave them a brief sketch of the courses they will take this year. Since each professor will give his class a technical description of the course during the first lecture, it would be duplication for us to attempt to give a similar description here, so we will simply attempt to give a student's impression of the subject matter you will encounter at the outset of your legal career.

Contracts — This is a six credit hour course and a good one to "Hit". Professor "Pops" O'Keefe gives you an excellent opportunity to learn this very valuable subject by using "the pound it into the student's head" method of teaching. The course starts with a thorough examination of the legal aspects of an offer and acceptance. You will dwell on the problems here involved until Christmas, at which time you will realize that the year is almost half over, and you have only covered about two hundred pages of a thousand page casebook. By Easter you will have reached page 500, but the pace soon picks up with the last five hundred pages being covered in the last two weeks of class. In the end you will have an excellent foundation in the law of contracts. **Advice:** Read your cases carefully and do not resort to the legal narcotics called "cans". Professor O'Keefe claims he can spot "junkies" from their final exam. We do not doubt it, the grand old man has been teaching here thirty years. Mr. O'Keefe's own outline of the course will be offered to you by some enterprising student for a price of about two dollars. Buy it and use it as a supplement to your case reading, but do not rely on it exclusively. **Recitation:** The professor very seldom calls on students to read an abstract. You class "balcony artists" will have a "free for all" in this one. **Outside Reading:** "Williston On Contracts".

Property — Another six credit hour course and one that usually "makes or breaks" the law student. The course gets off to a wild start with the law of the jungle being the first touched upon in the case of *Pierson vs. Post*, but soon settles down to an excellent coverage of the law governing both real and personal property. Professor Moynihan follows the outline of the casebook so no syllabus is needed. His pace is about three cases a day and is steady. About the middle of November you will cease your case analysis, and for the next eight weeks or so, the Judge will lecture on the background of our present day real property law. It is archaic stuff, but this isn't the professor's fault. Bear with him and attempt to master it the first time through. The casebook used in this course is excellent. **Advice:** Make every effort to keep up with your day-to-day work as this course contains many new terms and difficult concepts.

Read and abstract all assigned cases. **Recitation:** Always be prepared as this professor calls on students indiscriminately from the class list, and is unmerciful with the bluffing unprepared student. Many a student has been known to have almost resorted to his childhood habits when first called on by Judge Moynihan. However, for the prepared student who recites well there is always the rewarding "very good" announced with an Oxford accent. This you will find is a cherished reward. **Outside Reading:** All assigned cases, "Preliminary Survey of the Law of Real Property" by Professor Moynihan, and "Ivanhoe" by Sir Walter Scott.

Torts—Human interest course where some of the cases read like the third page of the "Boston Record". This course is really alive, and is probably the most interesting you will have in law school. Professor Seavey is new to our school, but is long experienced in the subject matter he will teach you here. The cases are often colorful; one of them deals with the problem of whether or not the defense of necessity can be validly raised by two shipwrecked seamen who devaned the cabin boy. This is also a six credit hour course. **Advice:** Keep your mouth shut and your ears open. Read and abstract all cases, also, read the notes following the cases in the casebook carefully. **Recitation:** "Balcony Artists" usually have a field day in this class since the subject matter is not too technical. Professor Seavey will probably put them in their place early and often. **Outside Reading:** "Seavey on Torts" should be a helpful hornbook for this one.

Criminal Law — A four credit hour course. The cases in this course are just as interesting as those in the torts course. The first half year is devoted to a study of the substantive law while the second half deals with the procedural aspects of criminal law. This is one course where what you have seen in the movies or on television might help, but do not get over interested in the course to the extent that you neglect others. **Outside Reading:** Clark and Marshall's hornbook is very helpful during the first half year. Dick Tracy's "Crime-stoppers" no help at all.

Remedies — A dead subject matter made very much alive by the lively dramatics of the professor who teaches

it. Professor Grimes does a good job of keeping the student's interest in a course that might well be the dulllest you will encounter at law school. About twelve lectures of the first semester will be spent studying the common law forms of action. Eleven of these will be used to master the different forms; while the twelfth will be used to inform you that the forms of action you have just mastered have been abolished. The casebook used here is most confusing as it seems to jump from one subject to another without any logical transition. For this reason it is advisable for the student to make an extra effort to keep the subject matter under discussion in its proper context. Martin Zientz has published an outline of this casebook which is very helpful if used as a supplement to case reading. It costs about \$3.00 and is obtainable at several bookstores at Harvard Square. **Advice:** Analyze all assigned cases carefully while you read them. This professor, like most in this law school, is far more interested in proper analysis than he is in right answers. **Recitation:** The professor usually misplaces his class list about the second week of school and resorts to calling on students that have been extra fluent up until this time. **Outside Reading:** Assigned law review articles are important here.

Agency — A second semester course worth only two credit hours. No need to worry about it now; in fact there is no need to worry about it then either.

LAW WIVES ANNOUNCEMENT

The Boston College Law School Student Wives Association (SWA) is opening its fall activities with an informal tea on September 29th at 3 P.M. in the Law School Student Lounge. All student and Faculty wives are cordially invited to come and get acquainted.

The SWA was formed late last spring at the initiative of Father Drinan, Dean of the Law School and with the cooperation of the Student Bar Association. Tentative plans have been made for varied monthly meetings and socials, and it is hoped that out of these activities, other groups will form to interest wives while their husbands are in school.

If, for any reason, a student wife has not been notified of the tea, please extend this invitation. If you do not receive notices of meetings, we do not have your name and address. We want to know more of you, and we want you to know us. For further information, please contact Mrs. Edward L. (Rita) Richmond at LA 7-7432.